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Dear Interested Party:

Enclosed is the Proposed Elko/Wells Resource Management Plans Fire Management Amendment (FMA) and Environmental Assessment (EA). This document has been prepared to consider comments received from review of a September 2002 draft document. The EA describes and analyzes the impacts of the proposed action and three alternatives for fire management in northeastern Nevada. The document includes a finding of no significant impact on the human environment, thus an environmental impact statement will not be prepared. We recommend you retain the document if desired for future reference, because it is not likely it will be re-distributed as a decision is issued concerning approval of the Proposed FMA.

Notice of the availability of this document initiates a formal 30-day public protest period, in accordance with planning regulations (43 CFR 1610.5). Any person who participated in the planning process and has an interest that may be adversely affected may protest a proposed land use planning action to the Director of the BLM. A protest must in writing, and filed by December 10, 2003. *Instructions, with current addresses for mailing a protest to the Director in Washington D.C., are enclosed with this letter.* The Elko Field Office would appreciate receiving a courtesy copy of a protest letter (see letterhead address and facsimile number). You may also submit comments informally to the Elko Field Office by December 10. Such a submission should clearly state that your comments are not submitted as a protest.

The enclosed document and instructions are also being posted on the Elko Field Office website at www.nv.blm.gov/elko. For additional information, or if you wish to be removed from our mailing list, please contact Joe Freeland, Fire Management Officer, telephone 775-753-0200.

Thank you for your interest in fire management on public lands in northeastern Nevada.

Sincerely,

Helen M. Hankins

Field Manager

(2) Enclosures
As Stated Above